

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2007. Claims 1-13 were previously pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 12 have been amended and claim 5 has been canceled. As a result, claims 1-4 and 6-13, of which claims 1 and 12 are independent, remain pending for examination. No new matter has been added by these actions.

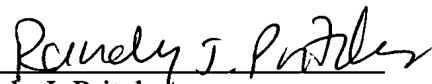
Claims 1, 3-4, 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 62-219363. Claims 1-2, 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 57-86106. Claims 5, 7-11, and 13 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitation of prior claim 5. Thus, claim 1 now is allowable. Claims 2-4, and 6-11, which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claim 12 also has been amended to include the limitation of prior claim 5. Thus claim 12 is allowable for at least the same reasons as those of claim 1. Claim 13, dependent on claim 12, is allowable for at least the same reasons.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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